

Union Calendar No. 230

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3726

[Report No. 111-393]

To establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JANUARY 12, 2010

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 6, 2009]

A BILL

To establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Castle Nugent National*
5 *Historic Site Establishment Act of 2010”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *HISTORIC SITE.*—*The term “historic site”*
9 *means the Castle Nugent National Historic Site estab-*
10 *lished in section 3.*

11 (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
12 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

13 **SEC. 3. CASTLE NUGENT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

14 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is established as a unit*
15 *of the National Park System the Castle Nugent National*
16 *Historic Site on the Island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Is-*
17 *lands, in order to preserve, protect, and interpret, for the*
18 *benefit of present and future generations, a Caribbean cul-*
19 *tural landscape that spans more than 300 years of agricul-*
20 *tural use, significant archeological resources, mangrove for-*
21 *ests, endangered sea turtle nesting beaches, an extensive bar-*
22 *rier coral reef system, and other outstanding natural fea-*
23 *tures.*

24 (b) *BOUNDARIES.*—*The historic site consists of the ap-*
25 *proximately 2,900 acres of land extending from Lowrys*

1 *Hill and Laprey Valley to the Caribbean Sea and from*
 2 *Manchenil Bay to Great Pond, along with associated sub-*
 3 *merged lands to the three-mile territorial limit, as generally*
 4 *depicted on the map titled “Castle Nugent National His-*
 5 *toric Site Proposed Boundary Map”, numbered T22/*
 6 *100,447, and dated October 2009.*

7 (c) *MAP AVAILABILITY.*—*The map referred to in sub-*
 8 *section (b) shall be on file and available for public inspec-*
 9 *tion in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service,*
 10 *Department of the Interior.*

11 (d) *ACQUISITION OF LAND.*—

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in para-*
 13 *graph (2), the Secretary is authorized to acquire*
 14 *lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of*
 15 *the historic site by donation, purchase with donated*
 16 *or appropriated funds, or exchange.*

17 (2) *U.S. VIRGIN ISLAND LANDS.*—*The Secretary*
 18 *is authorized to acquire lands and interests in lands*
 19 *owned by the U.S. Virgin Islands or any political*
 20 *subdivision thereof only by donation or exchange.*

21 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall administer the*
 23 *historic site in accordance with this Act and with laws gen-*
 24 *erally applicable to units of the National Park System, in-*
 25 *cluding—*

1 (1) *the National Park Service Organic Act (39*
2 *Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and*

3 (2) *the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16*
4 *U.S.C. 461 et seq.).*

5 (b) *SHARED RESOURCES.—To the greatest extent*
6 *practicable, the Secretary shall use the resources of other*
7 *sites administered by the National Park Service on the Is-*
8 *land of St. Croix to administer the historic site.*

9 (c) *CONTINUED USE.—In order to maintain an im-*
10 *portant feature of the cultural landscape of the historic site,*
11 *the Secretary may lease to the University of the Virgin Is-*
12 *lands certain lands within the boundary of the historic site*
13 *for the purpose of continuing the university's operation*
14 *breeding Senepol cattle, a breed developed on St. Croix. A*
15 *lease under this subsection shall contain such terms and*
16 *conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate, includ-*
17 *ing those necessary to protect the values of the historic site.*

18 (d) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than three years*
19 *after funds are made available for this subsection, the Sec-*
20 *retary shall prepare a general management plan for the his-*
21 *toric site.*

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